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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the following paragraphs of the specification.

Paragraph on page 32, lines 4-14

As a simple example, an expandable retainer 330 (FIG. 10B [[10A]]) with graft tissue 332 therein is placed into a tissue or bone space 334 defined by an edge 336 in host tissue 338. As the retainer 330 imbibes body fluids or water from the host tissue 338, it expands radially outwardly into the tissue or bone space 334 and creates a mechanical interlock (FIG. 10A [[10B]]). It also expands radially inwardly and clamps on the graft tissue 332. Therefore, the graft tissue 332 is locked into the host site, without the necessity of damaging the tissue further through some other kind of attachment means.